25th Annual Information Studies Conference

Programme

Date: 03rd -05th September 2025

THEME: A Just Social and Economic Inclusion; Information, Knowledge and Technology

Day One, 03 September 2025	
Venue: Indaba Lodge, Richards Bay	

Time	Event	
	Plenary Session 1: Changing landscape of research processes and publishing channels	
	Chair: Prof G.V Jiyane	
07:45 - 08:15	**Registration/Tea**	**Administration, connectivity & technical matters:** *(University of Zululand- Department of Information Studies)*
08:15 - 08:30	Purpose, scope and expectations of the Conference	**Dr. P.N Dlamini** *(Head of the Department of Information Studies, University of Zululand)*
08:30 - 08:45	Welcoming Remarks	**Prof. A.L Shokane** *Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zululand*
08:45 - 9:00	Opening Remarks	**Prof. N.N Jili** – Acting Director, *University of Zululand*
09:00 – 09:40	**Keynote Address:** **Prof KJ Bwalya** (Sohar University-Sultanate of Oman, Middle East)	Emerging Trends in Impactful Research – Publishing, Society, and Quadruple Helix sustainable partnerships
09:40 - 10:10	**Guest Speaker:** **Prof M Holmner** (University of Pretoria, South Africa)	Workforce 5.0: Ethics-Informed Skills for the AI-Powered Economy
10:10 - 10:15	**Discussions and Questions**	
10:15 - 10: 30	**Health Break (Tea/Coffee)**	
	Plenary Session 2: Digital Transformation **Chair:** Dr Nkosingiphile M Zungu	
10:30 - 11:00	**Guest Speaker:** **Prof A Tella** (University of Ilorin, Nigeria)	Building Smart Information Ecosystems through Digital Transformation
11:00 -11:10	**Zanele Mathe** (University of Zululand Library, South Africa)	Digital Transformation: A Case Study of University of Zululand Libraries
11:10 -11:20	**Oluwafemi S. Afolabi and Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Exploring Determinants of Moodle Adoption Among Academics in Higher Education: An Insight from the UTAUT Model
11:20 -12:30	**Columbus O. Udofot and Bolaji David Oladokun**, Federal University of Technology	Academic Librarians and AI in Research: Awareness, Adoption, and Challenges in Scholarly Publishing
12:30 -12:40	**S'fiso M. Sibiya, Mpilo S. Mthembu and Dennis N. Ocholla** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	An analysis of multimedia literacy programmes in selected university libraries in KwaZulu-Natal

12:40 – 12:50	**Amahle Khumalo, Mogiveny Rajkoomar and Nalidren Naicker** (Durban University of Technology, South Africa)	Digital Equity and Social Justice in academic libraries in South Africa: A Systematic review of challenges faced by students with disabilities and technological interventions
12:50 -13:05	**Discussions and Questions**	
13:05 -13:45	**Lunch Break**	
Plenary Session 3: The role of libraries and information centres **Chair:** Ms Zanele Mathe		
13:45 – 14:15	**Guest speaker:** **Prof E Chiware** (Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa)	Policy and Advocacy in Library and Information Services in South Africa: Shaping the Future for Innovative and Sustainable Services
14:15 - 14:25	**Katamba Saka** (Federal University of Technology, Nigeria)	The role of libraries and information centres
14:25 - 14:35	**Lungile S Mashego, Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand) **and Matsobane D. Kekana** (University of Pretoria, South Africa)	The role of Information and Communication Technology integration in improving library services in the city of Mbombela Public Libraries, South Africa
14:35 - 14:45	**Calvin Phiri** (National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe), **Dennis N. Ocholla** (University of Zululand, South Africa) **and Bosire Onyancha** (University of South Africa, South Africa)	Research impact of academics at the University of Zululand and National University of Science and Technology on selected databases from 2014 to 2025
14:45 - 14:55	**Lefosa R. Ledwaba** (University of Limpopo, South Africa)	Perceptions of records officials and nurses in Tshwane public hospitals towards AI in managing records
14:55 - 15:05	**Zanele Hadebe, Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa) **and Neil D. Evans (**University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)	Determinants of self-archiving practices in IRS among academics in selected universities in South Africa
15:05- 15: 15	**Tahleho Tseole** (National University of Lesotho, Lesotho) and **NambithaN. Manqola** (University of Free State, South Africa)	Awareness of Big Data Analytics for improved services at the National University of Lesotho and University of Free State Libraries
15:15- 15: 30	**Discussions and Questions**	
PANEL DISCUSSION **Reflections on day one** **Panel members:** Prof KJ Bwalya Prof M Holmner Prof A Tella Prof E Chiware **Facilitator:** Prof GV Jiyane		

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Day Two, 04 September 2025
Venue: Indaba Lodge, Richards Bay

Plenary Session 4: Open Science
Chair: Dr Mpilo S Mthembu

08:00 – 08:30	Tea and Registration	**Administration, connectivity & technical matters:** University of Zululand- Department of Information Studies
08:30- 08:40	Opening and welcoming Remarks	**Dr Petros N Dlamini** (University of Zululand)
08:40 – 09:20	**Keynote Address:** **Prof B.O Onyancha** (University of South Africa, South Africa)	Changing landscape of research processes and publishing channels
09:20 – 09:50	**Guest speaker:** **Prof D.N Ocholla** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Linking Open Science, Libraries and Library and Information Science Education
09:50- 10:00	**Sibongile Ngwenya** (University of South Africa)	Open Science and Intellectual Property Rights: implications for science dissemination in universities in Africa
10:00- 10:10	**Nobuhle Ndaba** (Mangosuthu University of Technology, South Africa)	Information Access and Digital Censorship: A Systematic Review on TikTok Ban
10:10 – 10: 20	**Musediq T. Bashorun** (University of Ilorin, Nigeria)	Open Science Practices in Knowledge based Environment: A bane or boom
10:20 - 10:30	**Philangani T. Sibiya** (University of South Africa, South Africa)	Perceptions of academic librarians on Research Data Management as tool for open access in South African Universities
10:30 – 10:40	**Charity E. Maxwell** (Federal University of Technology, Ikot Abasi Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria)	Knowledge, perception and usage of open-access journals among lecturers in universities in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria
10:40 – 10:55	**Discussions and Questions**	
10:55 – 11:10	**Health Break (Refreshment)**	

Plenary Session 5: Indigenous Knowledge and Knowledge Management
Chair: Dr Petros N Dlamini

11:10 – 11:40	**Guest speaker:** **Prof JR Maluleka** (University of South Africa, South Africa)	Condescending role advanced by western philosophies on Indigenous knowledge in South Africa
11:40 – 11:50	**Maoka A. Dikotla** (University of South Africa, South Africa) and **Lefose A. Makgahlela** (University of Limpopo, South Africa)	Exploring Knowledge Management Framework to Support Municipal Governance in Limpopo Province, South Africa

11:50 – 12:00	**Siphelele Ngcamu and Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Knowledge management practices in selected public libraries in uMkhanyakude district in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
12:00 - 12:10	**James N. Kimani, Dennis N. Ocholla and Glenrose V. Jiyane** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Towards a Framework for Knowledge Management on Performance of Health Sector NGOs in Kenya
12:10 - 12:20	**Amahle Khumalo, Tlou M. Masenya, Cry Kuranga** (Durban University of Technology, South Africa) **and Petros N Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Indigenous Knowledge Management Systems in the Digital Era: Toward a Framework for Community-Led Preservation in South Africa (Amahle khumalo- DUT)
12:20 -12:30	**Madireng Monyela** (University of Limpopo, South Africa), **Olanike Olaniyi** (Indianapolis Public Library, South Africa) and **Asania R. Maphoto** (University of Limpopo, South Africa)	Collection and cataloguing of African Indigenous Knowledge during the evolving digital environment in selected community libraries in the United States of America and South Africa
12:30 – 12:40	**A R. M. Hardi,** (University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana) **Glenrose V. Jiyane and Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Scope and Practice of Indigenous Knowledge Integration in Selected Public Libraries in Ghana
12:40 – 12:50	**Simiso C. Buthelezi, Dennis N. Ocholla and Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	The Role of Universities in the Management of Indigenous Knowledge: A Case Study of the University of Zululand in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
12:50 - 13: 05	**Discussions and Questions**	
13: 05- 13:45	**Lunch Break**	
Plenary Session 6: Cross cutting themes **Chair:** Dr Philangani T Sibiya		
13:45 – 14:15	**Guest speaker:** **Prof A Dick** (University of Pretoria)	From Ethics to Social Justice: Information Tyranny and Heroes
14:15 - 14:25	**Cry Kuranga and Tlou M. Masenya** (Durban University of Technology, South Africa)	Developing Culturally Responsive AI for Indigenous Knowledge Preservation and Revitalization
14:25 - 14:35	**Zanele Mthembu and Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	The use of mobile technologies to market and transfer indigenous medicinal knowledge by traditional practitioners at King Cetshwayo District in KwaZulu-Natal
14:35 – 14:45	**Yanga Nontu** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Determinants and constraints of household participation in beekeeping: the case of small-scale producers, eastern cape, South Africa
14:45 – 14:55	**Mthobisi Ngidi** (University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa)	The Use of a Blog to Improve Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy Results of Grade 9 To 11

		Learners at Thornwood Secondary School, Pinetown District
14:55 -16:05	**Sphamandla Mabika** and **Petros N. Dlamini** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Application of Knowledge Retention Model as a Strategy to Retain Knowledge in Academic Libraries
16:05-16:15	**Siyanda S Kheswa** (University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa)	Reading without borders: school libraries and teacher-librarians promoting a reading culture, building sustainable rural communities
16:15-16:25	**Charles N. Mthembu and Mbongeni M. Shabalala** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Patriarchal influence on HIV transmission among women in abusive heterosexual relationships in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
16:25 – 16:35	**Shola T. Famuyiwa and Adeyinka Tella** (University of Ilorin, Nigeria)	A Systematic Review of Indigenous Herbal Medicine Preservation for Sustainability in the Age of Disruptive Technologies
16:35 -16:50	**Discussions and questions**	

PANEL DISCUSSION

Reflections on day two

Panel members:

Prof A Dick

Prof B Onyancha

Prof K Mchombu

Prof S Mutula

Prof DN Ocholla

Facilitator:

Prof JR Maluleka

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Day Three, 05th September 2025

Venue: Indaba Lodge

08:00 - 08:30	Registration /Health Break/Tea & Coffee **University of Zululand- Department of Information Studies**

Plenary Session 7: Sustainable development

Chair: Prof Jan R Maluleka

08:30 - 08:40	Welcoming and Opening Remarks	**Prof JR Maluleka** (*University of South Africa*)

Time	Presenter	Topic
08:40 – 09.20	**Keynote Adress:** **Prof K Mchombu (**International University of Management, Namibia)	Knowledge Management for inclusive development
09:20 - 09:50	**Guest Speaker:** **Prof S Mutula** (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)	Sustainable development and information systems
09:50 - 10:00	**Nokuphila R. Saulus and Vusi W. Tsabedze** (University of Eswatini-UNESWA, Swaziland)	Towards Sustainable Research Ecosystems: Student Engagement with Green Data Management Tools
10:00 - 10:10	**Yanga Nontu** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	The effect of beekeeping on household income: the case of small-scale producers in the eastern cape province, South Africa
10:10 - 10:25	**Discussions and Questions**	
10:25 - 10:40	**Health Break/Tea & Coffee**	
**Plenary Session 8: Students Presentations** **Chair:** Ms N Majola	
10:40 - 10:50	**Samkelo Nhlumayo** *(University of Zululand, South Africa)*	Language Barries in Academic Performance of Non-English Home Languages Students at the University of Zululand
10:50 – 11:00	**Zanele Gcina Mthembu** *(University of Zululand, South Africa)*	First Year Student's Data Management Practices within the Department of Information Studies at the University of Zululand
11:00 - 11:10	**Nkosikhona Madlala** *(University of Zululand, South Africa)*	Strategies for Promoting the use of Library and its Resources at the University of Zululand
11:10 – 11:20	**Lethukuthula Lebohang Dube** *(University of Zululand, South Africa)*	Assessing the Role of Multimedia in Supporting Knowledge Sharing Among LIS schools at the University Zululand
11:20 - 11:30	**Kwanele Sphumelele Mhlongo** *(University of Zululand, South Africa)*	The Role of Information Access in Promoting Economic Inclusion for Undergraduate Students at the University of Zululand
11:30-11:40	**Innocent N. Gumede and Glenrose V. Jiyane** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Factors contributing to accessibility and utilisation of ICT Resources for learning Among first year Students in a selected university in KwaZulu-Natal"
11:40- 11: 50	**Halala B. Biyela and Glenrose V. Jiyane** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	The Role of academic libraries in advancing educational inclusion through Information Services for Students: a case study of an academic library in KwaZulu-Natal
11: 50- 12: 00	**Avemahle N. Shange and Glenrose V. Jiyane** (University of Zululand, South Africa)	Fostering digital competencies through curriculum among LIS Honours students in an institution of higher learning, in KwaZulu-Natal
12: 00- 12: 15	**Discussions and Questions**	
12: 15- 13: 00	**Lunch break**	

	Plenary Session 9: Poster Session **Chair:** Ms NN Buthelezi
	Poster presentations Discussions and Questions
13:00 -13:10	**Zinhle S. Khambule** *(Assessing undergraduate students' awareness and knowledge of institutional repository at Unizulu)*- **University of Zululand, South Africa**
13:10 -13:20	**Sinethemba P. Simangane** *(The use of artificial intelligence in the students' academic activities at the University of Zululand)*- **University of Zululand, South Africa**
13:20 -13:30	**Amanda P. Majola** *(Informetric analysis of theses and dissertations in the department of Information Studies at the University of Zululand: 2014- 2023)*- **University of Zululand, South Africa**
13:30 -13:40	**Nomvelo Z. Mthimkhulu** *(Undergraduate students' awareness about postgraduate admission requirements in the Department of Information Studies, University of Zululand)*
13:40 -13:50	**Lwandile N. Khumalo** *(Assessing the Reading Capabilities of Youth for academic achievement in South Africa and the role of public libraries: a literature review between 2015-2025)*- **University of Zululand, South Africa**
13:50 -14:00	**Hlengiwe P. Ngwenya** *(Factors influencing reading among secondary school learners in a high school in KwaZulu-Natal)*- **University of Zululand, South Africa**
14: 00- 14: 10	**Students Prizes: Presentation by Ms N.N Buthelezi** **Panel members:** • Prof CJ Bwalya, Sohar University • Dr NM Zungu, University of Zululand • Dr PT Sibiya, University of South Africa • Dr MS Mthembu, University of Zululand • Prof JR Maluleka, University of South Africa
14: 10- 14: 20	**Vote of Thanks & Announcements** **Dr Petros N Dlamini** *(University of Zululand)*
	GROUP PHOTO **END OF CONFERENCE**

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